

## WEATHER FORECAST

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## FIGHTING ON A HUGE SCALE ON EASTERN FRONTS

Great Offensives Undertaken by Central Powers in Dobrudja and Galicia

SERBIANS ARE WINNING STEADILY AGAINST BULGARS BUT FRENCH AND ENGLISH ARE QUIET ON THE SOMME

(Associated Press)

London, Sept. 20.—Fighting on a huge scale is in progress along the eastern front to which the center of interest has shifted. Evidence is accumulating that the central powers are devoting their main attention to the eastern campaigns, concentrating large forces against Rumania, notably in Dobrudja and putting all available men in the field to stop the Russian march on Lemberg and the Russian and Rumanian drives in the Carpathians and Transylvania. Both Berlin and Sofia report the development of a great battle on the line Russians and Rumanians have taken in Dobrudja to defend the railroad into the interior of Rumania from Constantza on the Black Sea. It is declared the engagement is favoring the central powers.

### BEATING BACK THE BULGARS

In Macedonia Paris reports driving the remaining Bulgarians out of Florina and that the Serbians captured the highest peak of the Kaimakalan range. Sofia denies the Serbian successes.

### BERLIN AND PETROGRAD DIFFER

Latest from Galicia and Volynia show the Teutonic forces on the offensive and claiming decided advances over the Russians. Petrograd claims nothing important has happened.

### QUIET ON THE SOMME

There is a comparative quiet in the Somme region. The British report the capture of 200 yards of German trenches south of Arras.

### ALLIED LOSSES IMMENSE

Berlin, Sept. 20.—A semi-official news agency has estimated the entente allied losses in the Somme offensive at about five hundred thousand.

### SAILORS SAVED FROM THE STRATHWAY

Mate Powell Says Kelynia Struck a Floating Mine

(Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 20.—Consul General Skinner, at London, cabled today that two American sailors were saved from the British steamer Strathway, torpedoed September 6th. The message didn't state whether the ship was warned.

### STRUCK A MINE

Newport News, Sept. 20.—Conducting Officer Powell of the British steamer Kelynia, arriving here today, said there was no foundation for the reports that the Kelynia was torpedoed. He declares she struck a mine.

### LOCATED IN LEVY

Council last night instructed the city clerk to request the county to return the city's old horse street roller. Mr. George Cleveland told council last night, in answer to an inquiry as to its whereabouts, that the roller was in Levy county, and had been there for several years. It appears that an exchange of road working machinery was made between the city and county several years ago, and that the roller was never returned.

### R. D. COLE COMPANY SAYS IT IS READY

The R. D. Cole Manufacturing company, of Newnan, Ga., has again called the city's attention to its readiness to go ahead with the construction of the water tower at the new plant whenever the foundations for the tower are complete. Council has referred the matter to Mr. Henney as engineer.

Woodmen meet Friday evening.

## COUNCIL HAD A LONG AND ANIMATED CONFAB

DETAILS OF ELECTRIC PLANT BUILDING AND MACHINERY CAUSED A LIVELY DISCUSSION

Since the order was given to tear out the unsatisfactory brick work at the new light and water plant, friction has developed between the contractor and the engineer in charge, and between the contractor and council, and this friction gave rise to a heated debate in council last night. Mr. Benjamin Thompson, contractor, appeared before the city's governing body, with Col. R. A. Burford, as attorney, and had read letters to Mr. David Henney, engineer, and letters to council, insisting that the condemned brick work was in materials and workmanship substantially what is required by the plans and specifications; saying that the work was torn out under protest, and that payment and damages would be asked for; calling attention to a change in the plans for the De La Vergne oil engine, and asking for approval of the same; saying that Mr. Henney had ordered the construction of the piers for the water tower, not called for in Mr. Thompson's contract, and requesting that the engineer make itemized estimates of the work done, instead of summarized estimates. The request for payment and damages for the brick work destroyed, it appears, is what Mr. Thompson had reference to when he told council, at its last meeting, that he would be heard from later. Mr. Thompson, also, charged last night that Mr. Henney had on several occasions made "misstatements" to council with regard to the work on the plant, and charged that, as contractor, he had received no co-operation from council. Qualifying his charge as to the engineer's making misstatements, the contractor said that he wished to be nothing but entirely fair in the whole matter, but did not propose to be run over.

Mr. Thompson's letters gave council some information it had not possessed, and this information served to increase the feeling in the controversy which arose. Engineer Henney was not present. He is in New York for a week or 10 days. The matters of the controversy were referred to him by council, and a special session will be held, as soon as the engineer returns. At the request of Mr. Thompson, council ordered a telegram sent to Mr. Henney to ask that he return at once, or as soon as possible.

The point was made again last night with regard to the engineer's not remaining constantly on the work here. Mr. Thompson said that it greatly inconvenienced him not to have the engineer here. Councilman Melver thought that the engineer should be here constantly. Councilman Weathers thought that Mr. Henney's position should be made plain once and for all, and questioning Mr. Ebner, representing the engineer, Mr. Weathers brought out that Mr. Henney had been waiting here for the contractor to continue work, but Mr. Thompson had gone on a trip to New York and Canada, and Mr. Henney, tired of waiting, left for New York. It was pointed out, too, that there is nothing to require the engineer to remain here constantly. He can have a representative if he wishes, and this representative he has in Mr. Robert Ebner.

Mr. Ebner, representing the engineers, told council that Mr. Henney would have a detailed report to make, on his return, with regard to the change of De La Vergne engines; and would be ready to answer any other question council might wish to have answered. In the meantime, Mr. Ebner said that the contractor had worked enough at the new plant to keep him busy.

Mr. Thompson and Col. Burford explained that the contractor had given a bond, and had contracted to complete the work on the plant in a specified time, and that they would like to have the work proceed as expeditiously as possible. Council agreed that it was time to settle down to the work, and for this reason ordered the telegram sent to Mr. Henney. Exception was taken to Mr. Thompson's charge that council had not co-operated with him. Councilman Gerig said that he thought council had given the contractor co-operation, and that the relationship had been cordial.

Council had nothing to say last night with regard to contractor's insisting on payment and damages for the brick work torn out. Councilman Meffert requested Mr. Thompson to tell council what change had been made in the De La Vergne

## EMPIRE STATE'S PRIMARY ELECTION

Progressives Seem to be Throwing their Weight to the Republican Party

(Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 20.—Returns from yesterday's primary election at noon today showed William M. Calder leading Robert Bacon for the republican nomination for United States senator by nearly eight thousand. Calder carried Greater New York by more than 33,000. Bacon had a 25,000 lead in the state with 1000 precincts yet to report. The republicans are jubilant over the nomination of their candidate Governor, Whitman by the progressives for governor over Samuel Seabury, the democratic gubernatorial nominee.

engine. Mr. Thompson explained that when he went to New York to close with the engineers and the De La Vergne manufacturers for the engine, the De La Vergne people proposed a substitute for the engine first approved by the engineers and city council. The substitute engine, it was said, would be a much larger and better engine. Twombly & Henney, the engineers, agreed to the change of engines, according to Mr. Thompson, provided that it would mean no additional cost to the city. Mr. Thompson said that the engineers had said that it would not be necessary to have council's approval of the change of engines; the engineers, saying that they had full authority given them under contract with the city.

It was this change of engines and, accordingly, change of foundations, that the contractor asked that council approve. Col. Burford and Mr. Thompson pointed out that delays were proving costly. Mr. Gibbs, representing the De La Vergne engine, was present in council, and explained that the engine which the city would get, as a result of the change spoken of by the contractor, would be a much larger engine, a much heavier one, and more economical. He said, that in view of the criticisms made here by the competitors of the De La Vergne engine, the De La Vergne people had decided to make the best of its opportunity, and use the Ocala plant to prove the superiority of their machine. Mr. Gibbs said that the manufacturers of the engine had decided, as an advertisement, to install in the plant here a machine that would cost the manufacturers from \$6000 to \$7000 more than the city would pay for it. Mr. Gibbs said this engine was under construction. He said, also, that as a result of the installing of the larger engine, it would be necessary to install a larger generator. An effort was made to get the Westinghouse company, said Mr. Gibbs, to install the large generator without increasing the cost. The Westinghouse people refused, and it became necessary for the De La Vergne manufacturers to stand the additional cost of the generator, which, Mr. Gibbs said, amounted to \$400 or \$500.

Council said that it was true that Mr. Thompson did not have the contract for the erection of the water tower. It was said, however, that he did have a contract for the construction of the foundation for the tower; and attention was called to the fact that the contract for the tower calls for its construction from the ground up. Col. Burford, speaking for the contractor, admitted that to be true, but contended that at no place in Mr. Thompson's contract with the city was the construction of the foundation for the tower specifically called for. It was said that the foundation was shown on the blue prints of the plant, which are a part of the specifications, but council did not go into this. It was decided best to wait for Mr. Henney to return.

Mr. Ebner said that he had authority to approve the plans for the altered foundation for the De La Vergne engine. Mr. Thompson contended that he had found there would be a difference in the cost of constructing

## CARRANZA'S LINES MAY BE CUT

Villa's Bandits Active Around Chihuahua

MADE ANOTHER ATTACK YESTERDAY AND RUMORED THAT THEY TOOK THE TOWN

(Associated Press)

El Paso, Sept. 20.—It is rumored here that Villa captured Chihuahua City last night. The Mexican authorities here and at Juarez denied this, however, and said messages received this morning indicated the city was quiet. The rumor said a large part of the garrison had mutinied. Bandits were said to have occupied municipal and federal palaces, the penitentiary and two fortified hills.

### CARRANZA'S LINES MAY BE CUT

San Antonio, Sept. 20.—Gen. Funston, after reading the report of Gen. Bell, at El Paso, on the Chihuahua City fight, suggested the belief that Villa would soon cut Carranza's communications between Chihuahua City and Juarez, if he had not already done so. It is the logical step, he said.

### DECIDED ON ANOTHER DATE

Election in Mexico Deferred by Carranza to the 22nd of October

(Associated Press)

Mexico City, Sept. 20.—General Carranza by decree today changed the date for the election of delegates to the constitutional assembly from Oct. 15th to Oct. 22nd. The assembly will hold its first formal session at Queretaro December 1st.

## INTERMITTENT ATTACKS

Continue to be Made by Strikers in New York on the Surface Cars

(Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 20.—Intermittent attacks on surface cars as a result of the street railway strike continued today. Police reports showed the arrest of twenty alleged former employees of street car lines as a result of the disturbances during the last twenty-four hours. Mayor Mitchell and the chairman of the public service commission planned another meeting in an endeavor to avert the threatened sympathetic strike of 700,000 workmen.

### HAMBURG IS HUNGRY

Serious Food Riots Occurred Saturday night in One of Germany's Principal Cities

London, Sept. 20.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says:

"Serious food riots occurred at Hamburg Saturday evening. According to Berlin reports, a mob of angry women raided shops which had been closed owing to a shortage of meat and vegetables, while another crowd demonstrated before the town hall shouting: 'Down with the junkers!' 'Down with the people's torturers!' 'Thirty-seven women were arrested. Two policemen were badly injured by stones thrown from windows.'"

the foundation as altered, and would, for this reason, like to have council's approval of the change.

Col. Burford said that the engineers had approved the change of De La Vergne engines without consulting council, and pointed out that it had been provided that no alterations should be made except upon a written order of the engineers based on consent of council.

Mr. E. C. Bennett and a friend may call at the Carn-Thomas company and drink bottled coca-cola at the expense of this company if they will exhibit this announcement. The Ocala Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

We have a new perfume, Bouquet Dozira, a fine lasting extract, \$2 per ounce. Gerig's.

## PRESIDENT PLACED THE PROGRAM

To Avert the Strike of Trainmen Entirely in the Hands of Congress

(Associated Press)

Long Branch, Sept. 20.—President Wilson and Chairman McCormack have mapped out a program to meet Hughes' campaign attack. Mr. McCormack said the democrats will show that the president placed the complete program before Congress to meet the recent threatened strike and was prepared to urge it at the next session. Additional speaking dates have not been announced.

### HINDERS MORE THAN HELPS

Bulgaria is Proving to Germany to be a Heavy Burden

Milan, Sept. 20.—The Secolo discusses the German conferences as follows:

"Despite the discontent among the Old Turks, Ehyer Pasha is the undisputed dictator, and enjoys the confidence of the Turkish army. The object of the conference is the solution of the grave Balkan problems. The situation of the Germanic League is critical, not desperate."

An offensive on the interior lines is no longer possible. The defensive power is declining because of want of reserves. The check of the Dobrudja invasion by the Russian and Rumanian forces may end in disaster.

Bulgaria desired to continue for the last nine months the sham offensive in Macedonia only to prevent Rumanian intervention. She is now threatened on a new front, and demands German help. The Bulgarian army, which at the beginning of the war numbered half a million men, is now only 400,000 strong.

The forces of General Sarraill at Salonica, the Rumanians along the Danube, and the Russians in the Dobrudja, are in a crushing superiority. The fifty thousand Germans, supposed to be in the Dobrudja, will hardly suffice. The Turks have in Thrace about 200,000 men. King Ferdinand wants half a million Turkish troops to oppose the Russian and Rumanian forces in the Dobrudja, so that the Bulgarians are free to defend Macedonia.

The Turks would consent if the Bulgars offered compensation, which Bulgaria, however, is unwilling to give. Hence, the conference.

A further complication is presented by the urgent solicitations of the Magyars for assistance in Transylvania. Between the three claimants, Germany has her hands full.

## COUNCIL GAVE RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POSTAL COMPANY

Council last night granted permission to the Postal Telegraph company to extend its line through the city from Fort King avenue north, with a view of making an extension from Ocala to Gainesville. Council granted the permission on condition that the lines be extended through the city under the supervision of the street committee.

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